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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Remuneration of Members of Pensions Boards.

A MEMBER of a Pension Board (Manchester), who has read in the SUPPLEMENT of October 12th (p. 49) the request of the Medico-Political Committee to pensions referees, asking them to state whether the payment of 5s. for examinations and reports is adequate, desires to draw the attention to the remuneration given to members of the pensions boards instituted by the Ministry of National Service. He states that a fee of £1 1s. is paid per session of two and a half to three hours, and as a minimum of eight cases must be examined and assessed, this works out at 2s. 6d. a case. The work is onerous and responsible, and must be done at a stipulated time and place, to the disarrangement of private work. Our correspondent suggests that if the Medico-Political Committee considers it necessary to inquire whether 5s. is an adequate fee for pensions referees, it ought also to consider whether 2s. 6d. is adequate for similar work done by members of the pensions boards. His answer to the question why medical men do the work if it does not pay is that the fall in the value of the sovereign, the increase in the cost of living, and the absence of bonuses or higher fees, make it necessary for the medical profession to take such work in order to make both ends meet.

War Emergency Fund of the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund.

The following further subscriptions have been received from Divisions of the British Medical Association in response to the recent appeal, and have been passed on to the Treasurer of the War Emergency Fund. The names of individual subscribers are published monthly in the advertisement pages of the JOURNAL.

	£	s.	d.
Dorset and West Hants Branch, per Dr. F. Fowler, Honorary Secretary	1	14	6
Buckingham Division, per Dr. H. J. Henderson, Acting Honorary Secretary	32	11	0

Association Notices.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2, at 11 a.m.—By order,

W. E. WARNE,
Acting Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

October 3rd, 1918.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.—Dr. R. J. S. Verity, Honorary Secretary (Garndiffaith, near Pontypool), gives notice that the next meeting of the Division will be held at Abergavenny on Thursday, October 31st, at 3.15 p.m.

TREATMENT OF DISCHARGED DISABLED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN IRELAND.

THE Insurance Commission (Ireland) has recently forwarded by post a form of agreement to all the medical practitioners in Ireland, inviting them to undertake the treatment of discharged disabled soldiers under a scheme to be administered by the Irish Insurance Commissioners as agents of the Ministry of Pensions. The treatment to be given by the doctor under the scheme is treatment of a kind which can consistently with the best interests of the patient be properly undertaken by a general medical practitioner of ordinary professional competence and skill.

Treatment is to include the provision, by the doctor, of the necessary drugs, medicines, and appliances. These may be provided by the doctor himself directly, or by arrangement with a chemist, druggist, etc., but in either case the cost thereof is to be defrayed by the doctor out of the remuneration payable to him under the scheme. Every invalided man entitled to treatment under the scheme will be supplied with a medical card showing on the face of it his title to treatment.

One of the principles underlying the scheme is that of free choice of doctor by the patient, and of patient by the doctor. Generally speaking, an invalided man entitled to treatment is free to demand and receive treatment from *any* doctor who has undertaken to give such treatment, provided that the doctor consents to have him as his patient. Similarly, the doctor is entitled to refuse to undertake the treatment of any particular invalided man. Under the terms of the scheme sanctioned by the Treasury for Ireland a lump sum has been allocated which is sufficient to provide payment for medical treatment, medicines, and appliances at a capitation rate of—

(*a*) 12s. 6d. in respect of each discharged disabled man living in a county borough or urban district, and
(*b*) 15s. in respect of each discharged disabled man living in any other district.

These sums will be paid into a fund ("The Irish Invalided Soldiers, etc., Medical Fund") in respect of each man as from the date on which it is determined that he is entitled to treatment. The fund so created is to cover all liability for the remuneration of doctors in respect of services rendered in connexion with treatment, furnishing reports, etc., and the cost of drugs, etc., supplied to patients. This sum of 15s. or 12s. 6d. is to be paid into the fund in respect of each invalided man resident in Ireland (whether or not he requires treatment under the scheme) to whom a medical card is issued. It is provided that the fund shall be distributed in such manner as the Commissioners, in agreement with the Ministry of Pensions, may from time to time, after consultation with the Irish Medical Committee as representatives of the medical profession, determine. It is therefore open to the Commissioners, by arrangement with the Committee, to vary the method of distribution during the continuance of the agreement. Whatever method of distribution is adopted should provide for the inequalities arising out of the difference in the frequency and importance of the services to be rendered. While the amount of the fund is to be regarded as providing sufficient remuneration in respect of

the treatment of all invalided men, it is important to secure that the share of the fund received by each individual doctor should be proportionate to the value of the services he has rendered under the scheme as compared with those rendered by all other doctors. The Commissioners, in consultation with the Ministry of Pensions and with the Irish Medical Committee, have come to the conclusion that the system of distribution most likely to secure that object is what may be called the system of payment per attendance. The following is the scheduie likely to be required and the symbol and token value assigned to each:

Symbol.	Service.	Token Value.
A.	Attendance at doctor's residence or surgery ...	2½
V.	Visit to patient's residence	5
N.	Night visit—that is, visit paid between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. in response to a call received between these hours	7½
R.	Report	1
O.	Operation undertaken for the relief of urgent and dangerous symptoms (including mileage)	20
S.F.	Setting a fracture (including mileage) ...	20
R.D.	Reducing a dislocation (including mileage) ...	20
M.4.	Mileage within a radius beyond one mile and up to four miles from doctor's residence or surgery	1½
M.7.	Mileage beyond four miles radius and up to seven miles radius from doctor's residence or surgery	3½
M.x.	Mileage beyond seven miles radius	5
G.A.	A special fee of £1 1s. is to be allowed for administering a general anaesthetic where second doctor is necessary.	

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments are announced by the Admiralty:—Surgeon-Commanders L. E. Dartnell to the *Arrogant*, H. H. Gill to H.M. Dockyard, Chatham. Surgeon-Lieutenant-Commander H. A. Kellond-Knight to the *Birmingham*. Surgeon-Lieutenants (temporary) W. Meade to Haslar Hospital, G. S. Stathers to Gibraltar Dockyard.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

To be Surgeon-Sublieutenants (temporary): K. Moncrieff, R. J. Perring, R. T. Edwards, A. Gray, C. Sturton.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonels T. G. Lavie and J. Girvin retire on retired pay.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Withers, C.M.G., retires on retired pay.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of August 21st, 1918, regarding temporary Major C. H. Miller is cancelled.

Temporary Lieut.-Colonel H. A. T. Fairbank (Captain R.A.M.C., T.F.) relinquishes his temporary commission on reposting.

Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel) B. A. Craig to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst in command of a medical unit from November 14th, 1917, to January 17th, 1918.

Captain Sir T. Crisp English, K.C.M.G., R.A.M.C.(T.F.) (honorary Colonel in Army), to be temporary Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed.

To be acting Lieut.-Colonels: Temporary Major (Captain R.A.M.C., T.F.) W. Robertson. Whilst in command of a medical unit: Captains (acting Majors) S. D. Large, D.S.O., M.C., and H. A. Harbison, M.C.

Captain (acting Major) J. Patrick (R.A.M.C., T.F.), to be temporary Lieut.-Colonel while specially employed.

To be acting Majors:—Captain (Brevet Major) H. F. Panton, D.S.O., M.C. Temporary Captains: J. N. Wheeler, G. Jackson, A. L. Krogh, F. P. Joscelyne, M.C., R. S. Scott, E. C. Lindsay, H. V. Leigh (from January 4th to 18th, 1918), T. H. Just (from January 4th to March 13th, 1918). Temporary Lieutenant G. B. Warburton. Whilst specially employed: Temporary Captains R. C. Harkness, J. Donald, J. L. Rankine, C. C. de B. Daly.

Temporary Captain (acting Lieut.-Colonel) F. W. G. Deane relinquishes his acting rank on ceasing duty at Leith War Hospital.

Temporary Captains relinquish the acting rank of Major: E. W. Craig, M.C., W. K. A. Richards, M.C. On reposting: T. E. R. Branch, K. B. Dickson, G. W. Stone.

The notification in the *London Gazette* of July 10th, 1918, regarding temporary Captain A. R. Muir is cancelled.

H. Whitwell, late temporary Captain, is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

R. P. Mitchell to be temporary honorary Captain whilst serving with British Red Cross Society in France, September 4th, 1918 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of September 3rd, 1918).

Officers relinquish their commissions: Temporary Major R. O. Moon; temporary Captains C. G. Shearer, J. G. Reidy, and R. B. John (on account of ill health contracted on active service and are granted the honorary rank of Captain), J. A. A. Orlebar, W. Dickson, E. V. Frederick, H. F. Wickens, M.C., F. C. Stewart; temporary honorary Captain F. W. Goyder (on ceasing to be employed with St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital); temporary Lieutenants W. S. Gibson (on account of ill health and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant), F. Spearing (on account of ill health contracted on active service and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant), A. C. Norwich (on account of ill health caused by wounds and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant); temporary honorary Lieutenant H. E. Durham (having ceased to be employed with the Welsh Hospital, Netley).

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain M. W. Ruthven relinquishes the acting rank of Major on reposting.

Captain D. M. Marr to be acting Major.

Captain H. Taylor relinquishes his commission on account of ill health, and is granted the honorary rank of Lieutenant, September 21st, 1918 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of September 20th, 1918).

Lieutenants to be Captains: J. W. Morris, G. G. Allan, O. St.L. Campion, D. E. Hearn, J. Michaelson.

To be Lieutenants: W. A. Coutts from Aberdeen University Contingent O.T.C., M. J. Cahalane, H. A. Cochrane, A. B. S. Drysdale, R. P. Jack, D. MacColl, and R. J. Peters from Glasgow University Contingent O.T.C.; F. L. Heap and F. A. Prosser from Manchester University Contingent O.T.C.; T. B. Moyes from Edinburgh University Contingent O.T.C.; E. M. E. Cumming, W. R. D. Hamilton, J. Irving, and W. R. MacLinden from Glasgow University Contingent O.T.C.; W. A. Jaques from Durham University Contingent O.T.C.; C. L. Hewer from University of London Contingent O.T.C., S. G. Evans, G. Gordon.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Granted commissions as Captains: H. McW. Daniel, M. Murphy, W. Lessey (late Captain R.A.M.C.), J. Maclaughlin (Lieut.-Colonel ret. R.A.M.C., and to be honorary Lieut.-Colonel). As Lieutenants: T. Acton, O. Hilton, F. S. Drewe, A. Henderson.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel O. E. B. Marsh is retired, having attained the age limit, and is granted the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

Major (Brevet Lieut.-Colonel, temporary Lieut.-Colonel) C. Rundle relinquishes his temporary rank on ceasing to be specially employed.

Major J. Allison to be acting Lieut.-Colonel whilst specially employed.

Captain (acting Major) M. U. Wilson, M.C., relinquishes his acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed.

Captains to be acting Majors whilst specially employed: W. J. Gray, A. R. Muir, W. E. H. Bull, M.C., F. J. Green, M.C., T. Graham, M.C.

Captains H. E. Gibson and W. Malden relinquish their commissions on account of ill health and are granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Captain C. S. Lee relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service, and is granted the honorary rank of Captain.

Captain J. B. Macalpine is restored to the establishment.

Lieutenants to be Captains: L. H. Callendar, C. P. Matthews.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Captains from R.A.M.C. to be Captains: J. A. Menzies, A. R. Moodie.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

MARRIAGE.

Golden Wedding.

ANDERSON—HENDERSON.—At Chesterhill, East Lothian, October 14th, 1868, by the Rev. Wm. Fraser, Fala, Robert Anderson, M.D., L.R.C.S.Edin., of Gateshead, late of Airdrie and Seaton Delaval, to Christian Moffat, younger daughter of Thomas Henderson.

DEATHS.

BIERNACKI.—On the 11th inst., at the hospital, John Biernacki, M.B., Physician-Superintendent of Plaistow Fever Hospital, and of 17, Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square.

DAVIS.—In London, on October 16th, Henry Davis, M.R.C.S., of Manningham Lodge, West Worthing, dearly-loved husband of Annie M. Davis, and eldest son of the late Dr. H. P. Davis, 20, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.

DIXON.—On April 6th, at the Eden Sanatorium, Darjeeling, N. Bengal, the result of a riding accident, R. V. Dixon, M.B., Civil Medical Officer, Kurseong, eldest son of Robert Vickers and Charlotte Dixon, 4, Wellington Road, Dublin, and dearly-loved husband of Hilda Dixon (*née* Irwin), in his 34th year. Deeply regretted by all who knew him.

HAMILTON.—On September 24th, at 27, St. Michael's Road, Leeds, James Hamilton, M.D., late of Chapel Hill House, Huddersfield.

JOHNSON.—On the 11th inst., at 171, Alcester Road, Moseley, Samuel Ebenezer Johnson, J.P., aged 76. Funeral at Brandwood End Cemetery, Tuesday, 15th, at 12 o'clock.

On Active Service.

O'FLYNN.—Died of wounds in France on September 24th, 1918, Lieutenant M. J. O'Flynn, M.D., R.A.M.C., Northamptonshire Regiment, aged 38 years, beloved husband of Mrs. F. E. O'Flynn, of Neath, Glamorgan. R.I.P.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Sections of Medicine, Pathology, and Epidemiology:* Tuesday, 5.30 p.m., Discussion on Epidemic Encephalitis. Speakers: Dr. F. W. Mott, Dr. S. P. James, Dr. A. S. MacNalty, Dr. W. H. Hamer, Dr. A. J. Hall, Dr. P. N. Panton, Dr. F. G. Crookshank, and others. *Section of Surgery:* Wednesday, 6 p.m., Presidential Address by Sir John Bland-Sutton: "Spolia Opima." *Section of Study of Disease in Children:* Friday, 4.30 p.m., Cases. Demonstration:—Dr. K. S. Bhat: A Counting Chamber for Cells, etc., in Fluids.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
	OCTOBER.
23 Wed.	London: **Council Meeting, 11 a.m.**
24 Thur.	London: Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., 10 a.m.
31 Thur.	Monmouthshire Division, Abergavenny, 3.15 p.m.

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